

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 6-9, 14-19, and 28-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Original) A method, comprising:

converting an optical beam emitted by a laser into current proportional to a power in the optical beam using a first photodiode on a substrate, the first photodiode being illuminated by the optical beam;

evaluating a bandwidth of the substrate using a second photodiode on the substrate;

preventing the second photodiode from being illuminated by the optical beam;

extracting an amplitude for logic level “1” of the optical beam using a peak detector coupled to the first photodiode and compensating the amplitude for the logic level “1” in response to the evaluated bandwidth; and

adjusting laser modulation voltage in response to the compensated amplitude for the logic level “1”.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising adjusting optical signal alternating current (AC) components.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising adjusting optical signal extinction ratio based on the adjusted laser modulation voltage.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising adjusting optical signal optical

modulation amplitude based on the adjusted laser modulation voltage.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein extracting an amplitude for the logic level “1” comprises extracting an amplitude for the logic level “1” of the optical beam using a peak detector coupled to the first photodiode.

Claims 6 - 9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

a laser;

a first photodiode on a substrate, the first photodiode being illuminated by an optical beam emitted by the laser;

a second photodiode on the substrate, the second photodiode being prevented from illumination by the optical beam; and

first circuitry coupled to the first photodiode to adjust alternating current (AC) components in the optical beam in response to variations in bandwidth of the second photodiode.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first circuitry includes laser modulation circuitry coupled to adjust laser modulation voltage in response to variations in bandwidth of the second photodiode.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the first circuitry is further to adjust extinction ratio of the optical signal in response to variations in bandwidth of the second

photodiode.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first circuitry is further to adjust optical modulation amplitude of the optical signal in response to variations in bandwidth of the second photodiode.

Claims 14 – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) A system, comprising:

a transponder having a laser to emit an optical beam, a substrate having a first photodiode and a second photodiode, the first photodiode being illuminated by the optical beam, the second photodiode being prevented from illumination by the optical beam, and first circuitry coupled to the first photodiode to adjust alternating current (AC) components in the optical beam in response to variations in bandwidth of the second photodiode; and an erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA) coupled to the transponder.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising a multiplexer coupled to the EDFA.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising an add-drop multiplexer coupled to the EDFA.

23. (Original) An article of manufacture article of manufacture, comprising:

a machine-accessible medium including data that, when accessed by a machine,

cause the machine to perform the operations comprising, comprising:

converting an optical beam emitted by a laser into current proportional to a power in the optical beam using a first photodiode on a substrate, the first photodiode being illuminated by the optical beam;

evaluating a bandwidth of the substrate using a second photodiode on the substrate;

preventing the second photodiode from being illuminated by the optical beam;

extracting an amplitude for logic level “1” of the optical beam using a peak detector coupled to the first photodiode and compensating the amplitude for the logic level “1” in response to the evaluated bandwidth; and

adjusting laser modulation voltage in response to the compensated amplitude for the logic level “1”.

24. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 23, wherein the machine-accessible medium further includes data that cause the machine to perform operations comprising adjusting optical signal alternating current (AC) components.

25. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 24, wherein the machine-accessible medium further includes data that cause the machine to perform operations comprising adjusting optical signal extinction ratio based on the adjusted laser modulation voltage.

26. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 26, wherein the machine-accessible

medium further includes data that cause the machine to perform operations comprising adjusting optical signal optical modulation amplitude based on the adjusted laser modulation voltage.

27. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 23, wherein the machine-accessible medium further includes data that cause the machine to perform operations comprising extracting an amplitude for the logic level “1” of the optical beam using a peak detector coupled to the first photodiode.

Claims 28 – 30. (Canceled)

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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